

Holdingsford Daze

July 8, 9, 10, 2016

Find the schedule at
holdingfordmn.us/holdingforddaze



News from the City of Holdingford, Minnesota June, 2016

From City Hall, June 2016 Mayors Report

It was not a good way to start the Memorial Day weekend, with hearing that we had a case of vandalism in the city. The Wobegon Trailhead bathrooms and quite a few other spots in the city were spray painted with a Marvel Comic book "name" in black spray paint. The security camera at the trailhead did get footage and the city and the sheriff's department are investigating. The city does have insurance but there are costs that will not be covered. This lawbreaking event, whether done by adults or children will be costly to the residents of Holdingford and it is very frustrating. Along with this, it was reported that someone was throwing large rocks at cars driving on County Road 17 by the Wobegon Trail crossing (by Jim's Snowmobile and Marine). Parents, talk with your children, let them know that what they may think is fun, spray painting and throwing rocks are very serious, costly and can hurt people seriously. If anyone has more information about these incidents, please contact city hall.

On a happier note, Holdingford Daze is fast approaching! **Flower Power.** Yikes does that bring back memories. Dust off your bell bottoms and join the happenings. A list of the events are posted in local businesses and on the City and Chamber websites. What a great time it will be. Mark the date on your calendars July 8th and 9th, groovy.

CORRECTION:

Recycling dates are incorrect in the Fireman's Calendar. We are sorry for any inconvenience this has caused. Correct list of recycling dates:

*July 1, 15, 29
August 12, 26
September 9, 23
October 7, 21
November 4, 18*

The city is in the beginning stages of planning the repainting of the water tower. It has been 20 years since it was built, so it is time for a freshening up, a new coat of paint and minor repairs, inside and out. This gives the city and the Chamber of Commerce an opportunity to come up with ideas for a new look on the tower. We can keep just the name Holdingford or we could add a logo, graphic or "tagline". Home of the Huskers – (Husker) H – Gateway to the Lake Wobegon Trail - Hometown Happenings, etc. We are looking for ideas, please let us know what you would like. A drawing, photo, or idea dropped off at city hall, or in the drop box or emailed to webmaster@holdingfordmn.us. Give us your ideas. We will need designs submitted by July 18th – Thank you and happy brainstorming!



Other dates to keep in mind are the August 19th and 20th - City Wide Garage Sales
August 26th – Holdingford Harvest Street Fair: music, food and games on main street, more info to come!

Enjoy Summer! Shop local. Money spent at the local businesses helps us all!
Sue Marstein, City of Holdingford Mayor



From City Hall:

- **Credit Cards now accepted**— major credit cards are now being accepted for utility payments either at City Hall or on our website. There is a convenience fee for this service that goes directly to the credit card company.
- **Sump Pumps**—Please make sure that all sump pumps are pumping outside and not into our wastewater treatment system.
- **Summer Rates for Water**—go into effect on the June utility bill. If residents go over the standard 2,500 gallons when watering yards, gardens, etc, waste water (RSWR) will be billed at 1/2 the overage rate or \$0.0025 per gallon. If you have questions, please call City Hall.



Watch For Bicycles

There are so many great reasons to ride your bike: It offers fun, freedom and exercise, and it's good for the environment. We want kids and families to ride their bikes as much as possible. For a few good tips so that you'll be safe while you do so, go to www.safekids.org/Bicycling-Safety.

Did You Know?

Stearns County Veterans Services Officer, Ervin Karasch, is available at Holdingford City Hall the first Tuesday of every month from 1-3 PM.

The Stearns County Veterans Services Department provides assistance to veterans and their dependents. We investigate, prepare, and process various forms when the veteran applies for Federal or State Benefits. Every veteran's situation is unique. For more information, go to <http://www.co.stearns.mn.us/AdultsFamilies/VeteransServices>



Ordinance Highlight

Weeds

§ 92.38 Weeds, Grasses and Rank Vegetation

All property owners shall be responsible for the removal, cutting, or disposal and elimination of weeds, grasses and rank vegetation or other uncontrolled plant growth on their property, which at the time of notice, is in excess of 12 inches in height.

Failure to keep the above mentioned will result in notification to clean up property or city employees will clean it up and the resident will be charged.

The full ordinance can be found at the Holdingford City Website: holdingfordmn.us/ordinances

The City of Holdingford will be repainting the watertower in the summer of 2017. This will give us an opportunity to update our identity and we are looking for your ideas. Some thoughts include:



- Home of the Huskers
- Gateway to the Lake Wobegon Trail
- Where hometown happens!

These are just some examples. Please submit a drawing, photo, or idea to city hall by either dropping by the office or emailing to webmaster@holdingfordmn.us Designs to be submitted by July 18th, 2016.

For more information, please see our website: holdingfordmn.us